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SYNCHRONIZING DIGITAL AUDIO AND VIDEO SIGNALS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination please amend the above-identified  
patent application as follows:

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In the Claims

Please amend second claim 26 as follows:

27. A method of synchronizing a digital audio signal  
with a corresponding digital video signal according to claim 19,  
(wherein the second video synchronization signal is the next  
generated video synchronization signal immediately following the  
transmission of the stop command from the host.

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